

I have been impressed also with the statement of one after another of the fact that we did not have a sufficient number of teachers. Now, if you adopt the plan which Dr. Meserve has outlined for trained men and women, they must have additional training in college, and they are better prepared and will be better Sunday-school teachers and superintendents, and that will raise the standard of teachers in every school to which they come as they are out of college. And the schools in which they take part will be helped in a direct way.

Competent Sunday-School Leaders Needed

Now, you take a great many country churches where they have preaching only once or twice a month; they are without competent teachers and leaders to conduct the Sunday-school as it ought to be conducted. If the colleges can put in men trained in modern methods and the application of modern methods, you help them in a very direct way, and in such a way that we can help them in no other way. If we can supply trained Sunday-school teachers and superintendents, we will supply one of the greatest needs of the present Sunday-school work.

Now, all through Alabama, through the black belt there, from what I know of the work personally and from testimony that I have heard ministers give, there is a great need of properly trained men to properly teach the Sunday-school and to properly develop the work of training the teachers. That is a great need in our state and throughout the South.

Hearty Approval of the Plan

I heartily approve of this plan that the gentleman who preceded me put forth. We have been working for ten years among the colored people, but the work among them has not developed as rapidly nor made as much progress as we thought it would. The development has not been equal to what we had hoped; but I trust that in this meeting we may so understand each other that the progress of the future may be larger than in the past.

GENERAL HOWARD. I want to ask one question, and that is about the reception of teachers. Now, do you think that the white teacher will be well received, suppose he was recommended by this Association? Do you suppose he would be welcomed?

Answer. Any white teacher would be received in the white churches.

GENERAL HOWARD. Do you think if the teacher went and resided in those schools as a leader and teacher that he would be received into the white churches?

Answer. I know of no reason why he should not be, as a Sunday-school worker. No man that has been sent us has failed to be received in any of our churches that I know of.

White Teachers will be Received

Question. Do I understand that a white teacher sent by this Association to work in the white churches or colored churches would be received? I thought the problem was to send down competent teachers to take hold of the colored Sunday-schools and train them to greater efficiency.

Answer. As I understand it, the purpose was to get competent men to help in the colored schools and universities. I understand General Howard to ask if the International Association representatives would be received in the white churches. My answer is that every man has always been received in our white churches.

Question. If the International Association were to send a white man to a colored university and he became practically a member of the faculty and did his work, would he be received in the white churches, say in New Orleans?

Answer. Putting his whole time to the work?

Question. Yes.

Answer. I think that any man that the International Association sent to work in the South would be properly received.

MR. JOHN LITTLE, superintendent Presbyterian Colored Missions, Louisville, Ky.: I was born and raised in Tuscaloosa. I have been engaged in work for the Negro in Louisville. I have traveled all over Kentucky, and have never known any difficulty in going to a white church. They have received me cordially. I have just made a trip to North Carolina and I received an ovation which surprised me. The same night I spoke to the whites I spoke to the colored people. I have never had any discrimination made against me in any way, and, so far as I know, no person has ever slighted me.

REV. DR. JOHN E. WHITE, pastor Second Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., and president of the Clifton Conference: All of the people in the South understand that Miss Giles, Miss Upton, Dr. Sale, and Dr. Meserve are engaged wholly in work among the colored people. They are received and honored in our white Baptist churches, and it would be regarded as a loss if they should cease to come, or should go to other churches. The New Era Movement in North Carolina aims to secure the coöperation of the Baptist churches and the Baptist ministers in all its meetings.